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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
OF NASHUA,
FOR 1837.

The Selectmen for the year 1836, ask leave to make the following Report:——

That they have assessed and ordered into the Town Treasury, the sum of - - - $12903,63

This sum, with our proportion of the Literary fund, received from the State,	159,66
Eleazer Fiske's Pension,	29,90
Cash rec'd of County for support of Paupers	174,90
For licences of Show-men, - - -	60,00
For Taverners' licence, - - -	29,00
For military exemptions, - -	20,00
From Dorchester, for support of Town Pauper, &c.	47,50
Amounting in the whole to - -	13,424,59
Which sum has been reduced by abatements of taxes in Samuel Merrill's list,	241,01
Which deducted from the above, leaves a ballance for the use of the town, amounting in the whole to	13,183,58

Which sum has been reduced as follows—

For State tax, - - -	659,45
For County tax, - -	87,06
For schools, including Literary Fund. -	1256,00
For School-house Order for building school house in District No. 9.	2500,00
For collection of Taxes, -	254,09
Which deducted from the above sum leaves,	8426,98

which sum has been expended for the current expenses of the Town as follows—

For Poor establishment—support of paupers, including County paupers & paupers belonging to other towns, and prosecutions under Police laws,	1378,96
For repairing highways and bridges	1843,18
Horse and carriage hire, - -	1,62
Room hire, - -	21,50
Postage, - -	1,75
Soldiers' rations, including powder.	99,49
Sexton's bill, . -	11,75
Sealer of weights and measures bill, -	6,69
Dr. Eldredge's bill for doctoring town and county paup's	30,00
Services of Selectmen, Town clerk, Treasurer, Committee's, Constables, and all other town officers,	516,79
Stationery, books, printing and advertising,	62,37
Cash paid for damage done in consequence of bad roads,	12,00
For materials and labor on the Nashua river Bridge,	5,547,63
For Engine house, - -	184,16
To cash paid for old bills due last year -	79,50
Amounting in the whole to -	9,797,39

Being thirteen hundred and seventy dollars and 41 cents above the available sum raised for the use of the town for the past year—seven hundred and forty one dollars and eight cents having been expended in cancelling old town orders of last year.

The Selectmen have drawn orders upon the Town treasurer during the year for the sum of $17,207,50, which orders include the payment of a note held by Moses Hunt, against the town, the principal and interest of which amounted to $1172,20—which order is still in his hands and on interest at six per cent per ann.

The amount of town orders now outstanding is $3,819,19, which sum may be estimated as very nearly what the town is now in debt.

So far as the knowledge of the undersigned extends, there are very few outstanding bills against the town The outstanding orders are all bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per ann. There is now a balance of cash in the Treasury amounting to $236,87, and debts due the town amounting to $300, which being deducted from the above sum of 3,819,19 leaves the sum of $3,282,32, to be provided for by future appropriations.

PURSUANT to a Vote of the Town at the last annual town meeting, the undersigned took a Census of the inhabitants, which shewed the following result. Whole number of Males 2105—Whole number of Females 2960. Total population 5065. There being no additional expense in taking a Census, in connection with the taking of the invoice by the selectmen, the undersigned would recommend that a similar vote be passed, in order that the comparative increase or decrease of the population of the town may be accurately ascertained.

At the last session of the Legislature, an Act was passed providing for the deposit of a large amonnt of the Surplus Revenue of the United States among the several towns of the State. By this act, our proportion of the deposite money for the present year will be $21,359,40. But as this money belongs to the General Government, and is liable to be called for upon any emergency, and as the aforesaid act of the Legislature contains a provision prohibiting the several towns from expending any part of the principal, the undersigned would respectfully suggest the expediency of still continuing to raise such sums of money by taxation, as will be sufficient to defray the ordinary expenses of the town.

The sum of money which the town is by law compelled to appropriate for the support of common schools, has heretofore been extremely limited in comparison to the number of scholars who are entirely dependent upon the common school system for their improvement in the various branches of education.—The wise and judicious manner of division, adopted by the town in apportioning the school money to the several school districts according to the number of scholars in each, has operated favorably to the smaller ones, while it has not wronged the larger ones nor deprived them of their just rights. But the whole amount of money being inadequate, it has accomplished little more, in some of the districts, than to commence the schools and get them into successful operation.

The total number of scholars in all the school districts in the town, as reported by the committee raised for the purpose of numbering them, the past year, was 1256, and the whole amount of money appropriated for schools was $1256—being only one dollar per annum to each scholar.

By the increase of our proportion in the scale for raising all future public taxes, as adjusted by the Legislature at their last session, we shall now raise for the use of schools $2627,10, which, with our proportion of the Literary Fund, annually received from the tax upon Banks, will probably amount to $3000. This sum it is thought, will be amply sufficient, under a fair distribution, and proper management, to place our primary schools in a flourishing condition, without raising any sum in addition to what the law requires, or encroaching upon our proportion of the public revenue.

The undersigned would again call the attention of the town to the subject of enlarging and improving the condition of the buildings upon the Poor Farm. The number of the inmates of that Institution is now very large—has been constantly increasing for the past year, and unless some measures are speedily taken to insure a corresponding increase in the accommodations of the establishment, a resort must be had to the ancient and more expensive mode of quartering the paupers upon the inhabitants at large.

Respectfully submitted by

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JOHN EAYRS,
PERLEY FOSTER,
MOSES T. D. GREELEY,
ELEAZER BARRETT.
Selectmen of Nashua.

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SELECTMEN
OF MANCHESTER.
FOR 1837.

The Selectmen for the year 1837, have leave to make the following Report:—

The expenses for the year 1837, have been as follows, viz.

Amount of Town Treasury,	$2,000 00
Amount paid out of the Literary fund,	1,100 00
Received from the State,	96 63
Expense of Paupers,	111 00
Cash received of County for support of Paupers	00 00
For licenses of show-men,	42 00
For licenses, tavern,	80 00
For military exemptions,	24 00
From Poor-houses, for support of Town Paupers, &c.	$3,454 63
Amount in the whole to	$3,454 63
Which has been reduced by abatements of taxes in Second Ward,	141 01
Which deducted from the above, leaves a balance	$3,313 62

Which has been reduced as follows—

For State tax,	$1,630 00
For County tax,	1,231 00
For Literary Fund,	100 00
For school-house Order for building school house in District No. 8,	50 00
For collection of taxes,	32 00
	$3,043 00

The Selectmen have received and entered into the Town Treasury the sum of $270 62 in proportion of the Literary fund, which with the amount paid out, makes the sum of $1,370 62 leaves the sum of $2,942 62 to be provided for by future appropriations.

PAUPERISM is a Note of the Town at the last annual town meeting, we took a Census of the inhabitants which stands as follows:—

Whole number of Males 1012
Whole number of Females 1039 Total population 2051.

Which is an increase of 1 Male and 39 Females in comparison with the census of the year 1830, which shows the following result. Whole number of Paupers 65. There point no additional expense in taking a Census in comparison with the expense of the last census, the number of paupers is nearly about the same as it was at that time, which shows the increase of population, although it is true that a town may increase in population without increasing the number of paupers, yet it is a fact that the comparative increase or decrease of the population order that the comparative increase or decrease of the population of a town may be accurately ascertained.

At the last session of the Legislature an Act was passed providing for the payment of a large amount of the Surplus Revenue of the United States among the several towns of the State, on the proportion of the population of each town for the purpose of aiding in the support of common schools, and as the proceeds of the Legislature contains an appropriation of $18,000 00. But as this money is to be called for upon the town agent, and in order to be called for upon the town agent, and in order to be entitled to receive the money the town is put to the expense of building school houses, and providing teachers, and as the proceeds of the Legislature contains a provision providing the several towns must expend an equal sum of money with the interest, the superintendent would respectfully suggest the expediency of their considering